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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002 in the above-identified patent application, that response being a Notice of Appeal. With the extension, a response is due on or before June 18, 2003. A check in the amount of \$465.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), for a small entity is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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